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(C) Poloff and Polintern delivered June 5 reftel talking points to Alexander de Jaeger of the U.N. Section of the Belgian MFA. Mr. de Jaeger said the GOB tends to support European candidates, and could not comment on GOB support for Ms. Myers. He said that some outstanding issue or situation could modify Belgium's European voting practice, such as a an overly late candidacy; Poloff noted that Italy recently submitted its bid. De Jaeger suggested a possible agreement to trade votes; Belgium had nominated a candidate for the UN's Advisory Council on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ).

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